

ALCTS Technical Services Directors of Large Research Libraries

Columbia University Libraries

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Organization and Staff:

Several senior management positions have been filled, or are in recruitment, mostly following the Information Services reorganization that took place last summer.

Rebecca Kennison assumed the position of Director of the **Center for Digital Research and Scholarship** in September. Rebecca has held a number of positions in scholarly publishing, including at Public Library of Science.

Robert Cartolano became Director of the Library **Information Technology Office** in October. Rob had been a senior manager in Columbia's campus Information Technology group.

Kenneth Crews joins us this month as Director of the **Copyright Advisory Office**. Kenny had been Director of the Copyright Management Center at Indiana University.

We are currently interviewing candidates for the position of **Associate University Librarian for Collections and Services**.

Book Vendor change:

In November, the Libraries moved our US and UK book approval plans and firm orders to **YBP Library Services** (from Blackwells.)

Electronic Resources management:

We are replacing our **Meridian** ERM with SerialsSolutions' 360 Resource Manager. We have just begun implementation, but since we are already using SerialsSolutions MARC record service for e-journals, it's a relatively simple matter to link this holdings data to package-level information.

Mass digitization:

Columbia has become the latest partner (as of this writing) in Google's mass digitization effort, with work expected to begin shortly. In July, Columbia's Center for Digital Research and Scholarship concluded an agreement with Google to provide about 90 hours of video content (lectures, interviews and course content) for the Google Video site.

Mellon planning grant:

In December, Columbia and the University of Maryland Library were awarded a joint one-year planning grant by the Mellon Foundation to explore models for incorporating open-access web content in collection building. Columbia will focus on content from human rights organizations, and Maryland on historic preservation. The two institutions will work jointly to develop models encompassing selection, rights negotiation, bibliographic access, web archiving, and preservation.